

Rotary



Club of Stuart-Sunrise

Club Meeting

Stuart-Sunrise
Meets at Banyan Creek
Country Club
1701 SW Crane Creek Ave
Palm City, FL 34990
Time: Thursday at 07:30
AM

Speakers

April 18, 2024

[Katie Bartlett, Executive Director Molly's House](#)

Molly's House, a Hospital Hospitality House located in Stuart, has been keeping families together by providing short-term affordable accommodations for the families of hospitalized loved ones and hospital outpatients since 1996.

April 25, 2024

[Rob Ranieri, CEO House of Hope](#)

Rob will receive the rice&beans donations collected during April and give an update on House of Hope.

May 02, 2024

[Stuart Sunrise Scholarship Winners](#)

May 09, 2024

[Interact Club Seniors Sash Presentation](#)

Birthdays

———— Susan A Shirley
April 15th



Michael L
Costopoulos
May 10th

Club Member Anniversaries

No Years Of Service
Found

Rotary News for April 11, 2024

By Beth Brownell

President John led the Pledge and Sue offered thoughts on a piece from the latest Rotarian magazine. It encouraged members to be peace builders at home and throughout the world.

The Rice & Beans collection continues. Rob Ranieri from House of Hope will attend the April 25 meeting, give us an update, and take the donations to House of Hope. Members of Interact will also attend and bring donations from Clark Advanced Learning.

Charles presented a birthday check for his 52nd birthday. Thanks! Susan Shirley has a birthday on April 15.

Lisa Davenport, Principal of Indiantown High School, submitted the cost list for the library list. Beth will submit a club Foundation request for \$1108.91 to the club board for approval. Once approved, it will be sent to the Club Foundation. Board members please keep an eye out for the email. In the next few days.

There will be a Mapp Rd Cleanup Saturday April 13 at 8AM. Meet at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Palm City.

Sue circulated an order sheet for anyone would like to order a traditional round magnetic Rotary pin. Contact Sue if you would like to order a new pin.

Kathy distributed Polio Plus sign-up sheets for any members who would like to participate.

District Governor Doug would like to expand the Rice & Beans collection to the entire district at the district conference in June. Publicity and logistics TBD-whether Doug will drive it or it will be done by us.

There will not be a regular meeting on May 16 as the Banyan Creek clubhouse will be closed due to golf course maintenance. A social meeting is being considered. Anyone with a suggestion, talk to President John.

Happy Dollars

Sue welcomed visiting Rotarian Lorelei Walker, sister of club member Carrie, and daughter of club member Matt.

Happy Dollars were given by Linda for a family road trip to Kentucky to see the eclipse, thanks to Kathy for the corn, John R for playing percussion with a local band, Dave S. for the new trail at Seabranch which can be walked to the music of the Brightline trains nearby, Charles for his birthday. Carrie saw a panther in the park near her house. Lorelei gave thanks to her sister and father for the support they gave her husband during his adjustment during his recent move to join the family.

The 50/50 was won by Butch Bayley.

Noel Delvalle, Martin County PAL

Noel Delvalle, founder and Executive Director, reviewed the history of the MC PAL, which he formed in 2017 after seeing a need for alternative pathways to help young people develop into productive adults. Martin County PAL, a 501 c3, is a crime prevention community program designed to **provide alternatives to drugs, crime, delinquency and violence through sports and mentoring**. PAL has a budget of \$11 million and receives no taxpayer funding. Funding is through grants, private donations, and the United Way. There are just a few employees.



With a boxing background, Noel first developed a boxing program for males and females that allow them to work off stress and blow off steam, allowing them to focus on positive activities. Programs in golf, soccer, and wrestling have also been developed. A drum line program, taught by high school students, provides an additional way to learn the lessons in working as a team for a common goal. At the same time, the high schoolers learn mentorship. An anti-bullying/empowerment program is also offered.

In addition, a 16-week leadership program is offered, teaching value-based skills and decision-making. There is a tobacco/vaping program to address the vaping epidemic. A diversion program in drug and opioid awareness is offered, which provides an alternative to becoming involved with the justice system. 275 young people were involved in the awareness program last year. In 2022, there were 11 young people incarcerated at a cost of almost \$800,000 each per year. The program has proven to reduce recidivism to zero in the last two years, thereby saving taxpayer dollars.

With the help of grants, a mobile PAL unit was purchased and equipped with a full boxing set up to provide services to middle school students. Counselors provide lessons in sports and leadership. Initially, it was planned to use the unit in Indiantown, but it has become so effective and popular, it is being used 40 hours a week.

A summer camp is offered for middle schoolers which provides career exploration opportunities.

PAL is open to most 8-17 year olds, with older participants becoming mentors. PAL partners with local non-profits such as Project Life to share resources, and with Hibiscus House and Place of Hope to provide services.

Road Clean Up



Saturday was a beautiful morning for a road clean up!
